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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Yaron Goland :
Application No. 09/882,491 : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: June 15, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
For: NETWORKED DEVICE BRANDING FOR :
SECURE INTERACTION IN TRUST WEBS ON :
OPEN NETWORKS :

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed June 15, 2001. This matter was recently forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision on the present petition. The Office apologizes for any inconvenience to applicant.

The petition is granted.

Applicant showed that the non-signing inventor refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the Declaration of Facts of Danielle Johnston Holmes, Corporate Attorney, established that Ms. Holmes sent an email to the inventor presenting the patent application for his review and execution. Although the inventor responded to the email, he did not execute the application. Ms. Holmes stated that she sent a second email to the inventor again presenting him with the application papers to execute, and requesting that the inventor inform her whether he would execute the application. To date, Ms. Holmes has not received a response to the request. Copies of the aforementioned communications accompany the petition.

In addition, applicant demonstrated that Microsoft Corporation has a proprietary interest in the above-identified application with a copy of the "Microsoft Corporation Employee Nondisclosure Agreement,"

showing that the inventor had an obligation to assign any patent rights to Microsoft Corporation. Applicant paid the petition fee and submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64. Lastly, applicant demonstrated that such action is necessary to prevent irreparable damage.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2135.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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Application No. 09/882,491 : LETTER
Filed: June 15, 2001 :
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SECURE INTERACTION IN TRUST WEBS ON OPEN :
NETWORKS :

Dear Mr. Goland:

You are named as a sole inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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